

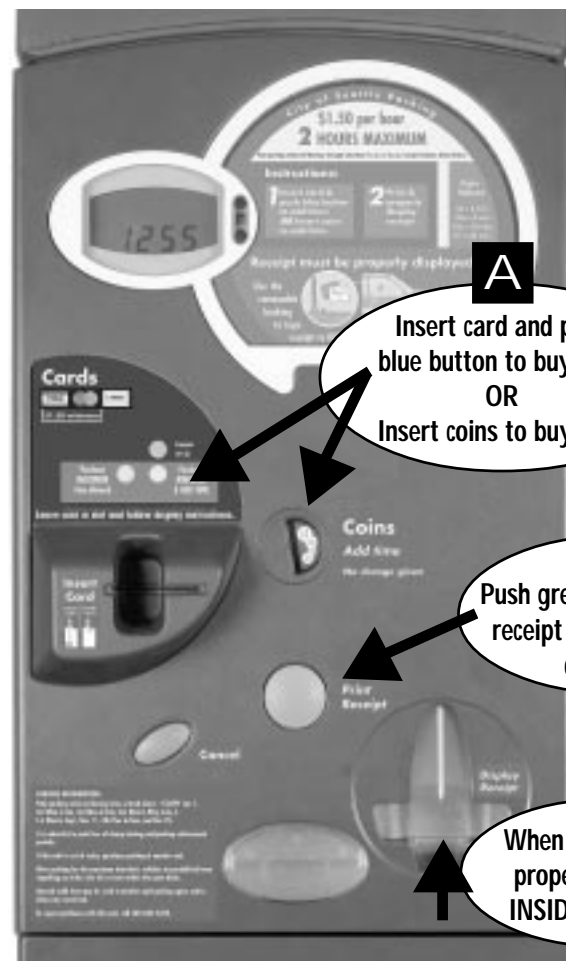
How to Use Pay Stations

1 Look for these signs on blocks with pay stations

Wherever a City block has one or more pay stations, signs at each end of the block direct users to "Pay to Park" with an arrow pointing towards the pay station. Above each pay station another sign points to the machine and directs users to "Pay Here to Park."



2 Use the pay station to purchase parking



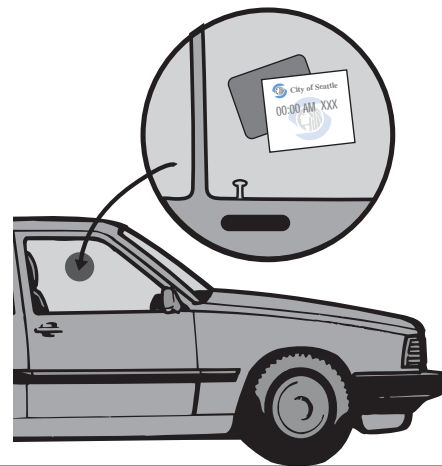
A Insert card and push blue button to buy time OR Insert coins to buy time

B Push green button to print receipt and then remove credit card

C When receipt prints, properly display it INSIDE car window

3 Display the receipt properly

The pay station will print a receipt that has a removable backing. Peel off the back and use it to tape the receipt to the inside of the curbside window. For angled parking, use the side window on the driver's side. Be sure that the expiration time is facing out!



4 Take unexpired time with you to another parking space

Until the time on the receipt expires, park at any other parking meter or pay station space in Seattle! Regardless of expiration time,

time limits and all other parking regulations still apply.



Parking Pay Stations:

New parking technology proposed for North Downtown

Throughout 2005, the City of Seattle is proposing to replace most of the aging single-space parking meters in Belltown and Denny Triangle with parking pay stations. These installations are part of the City's three-year plan to improve customer parking convenience, predictability, and reliability. The paid on-street parking in Belltown and Denny Triangle promotes more parking turnover for daytime business customers and helps to prevent all-day parking by employees and commuters.

Since early 2004, over 500 pay stations have been installed in Pioneer Square, Downtown, Capitol Hill, Pike/Pine, First Hill and Chandler's Cove. In 2005, the list of areas below shows where parking meters will be converted to pay stations and where new paid parking spaces (marked by an asterisk *) are being considered:

- Under the Alaskan Way Viaduct - Underway
- 12th Avenue (Seattle University) - Underway
- Belltown
- Denny Triangle
- Pike/Pine*
- First Hill*
- Fremont*
- Ballard* and Ballard Locks*
- University District*
- Chinatown/International District*

What is a pay station?

- Automated kiosk replacing multiple parking meters on a block
- Accepts coins as well as credit and debit cards
- Provides customer receipts
- Communicates in English, Chinese and Spanish

What are the benefits of pay stations?

- Improved customer payment convenience
- Ability to use unexpired time at another metered or pay station space
- Better predictability for drivers with standardized parking layout and simple signage
- Greater reliability – less out-of-service time, better parking data
- Increased parking turnover



What changes come with pay stations?

- Fewer people seeking change for bills, as the need to carry lots of coins disappears
- More parking turnover means more customers
- Enhanced streetscape and more sidewalk space
- Loading zones and short-term parking spaces are occasionally removed or relocated to the ends of the block.
- Seamless conversion with limited loss of parking during installation
- Meter greeters ease transition for customers in the weeks after installation.
- New bike racks installed to replace lost "informal" parking at meters.
- Future potential to support merchant validation programs

What about the parking rate increase?

- Rates have been increased from \$1 to \$1.50 per hour for pay stations and electronic meters. This rate is still much lower than off-street parking in Downtown Seattle
- It is the first increase in on-street parking rates in ten years and is consistent with inflation over that time



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For more information and progress updates:

Visit <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/paystation.htm>

Contact 206.684.ROAD or paystations@seattle.gov

What to Expect With Pay Stations in North Downtown

When will pay stations come to North Downtown?

Starting in late February, pay stations will replace the aging single-space meters throughout North Downtown. Generally, City crews will install the pay station machines starting near Stewart St and Olive Way where pay stations are now and work their way north. The conversion from meters to pay stations in Belltown and Denny Triangle will take place over the course of the entire year.

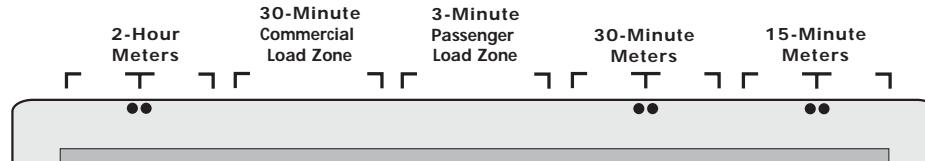
What other changes can be expected?

To make on-street parking easier for all users, and to minimize walking distances to pay stations, the installation process is a great opportunity to redesign and standardize parking layouts along most blocks.

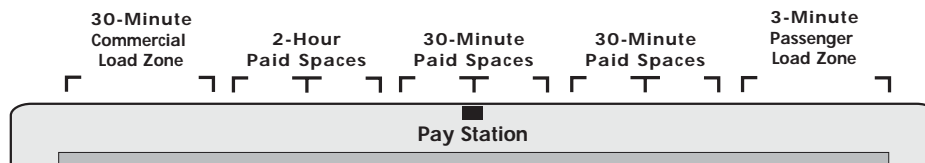


This example shows a typical Seattle block before and after a standardized layout was applied and a pay station installed.

Before Block Standardization



After Block Standardization



What is a standardized block face?

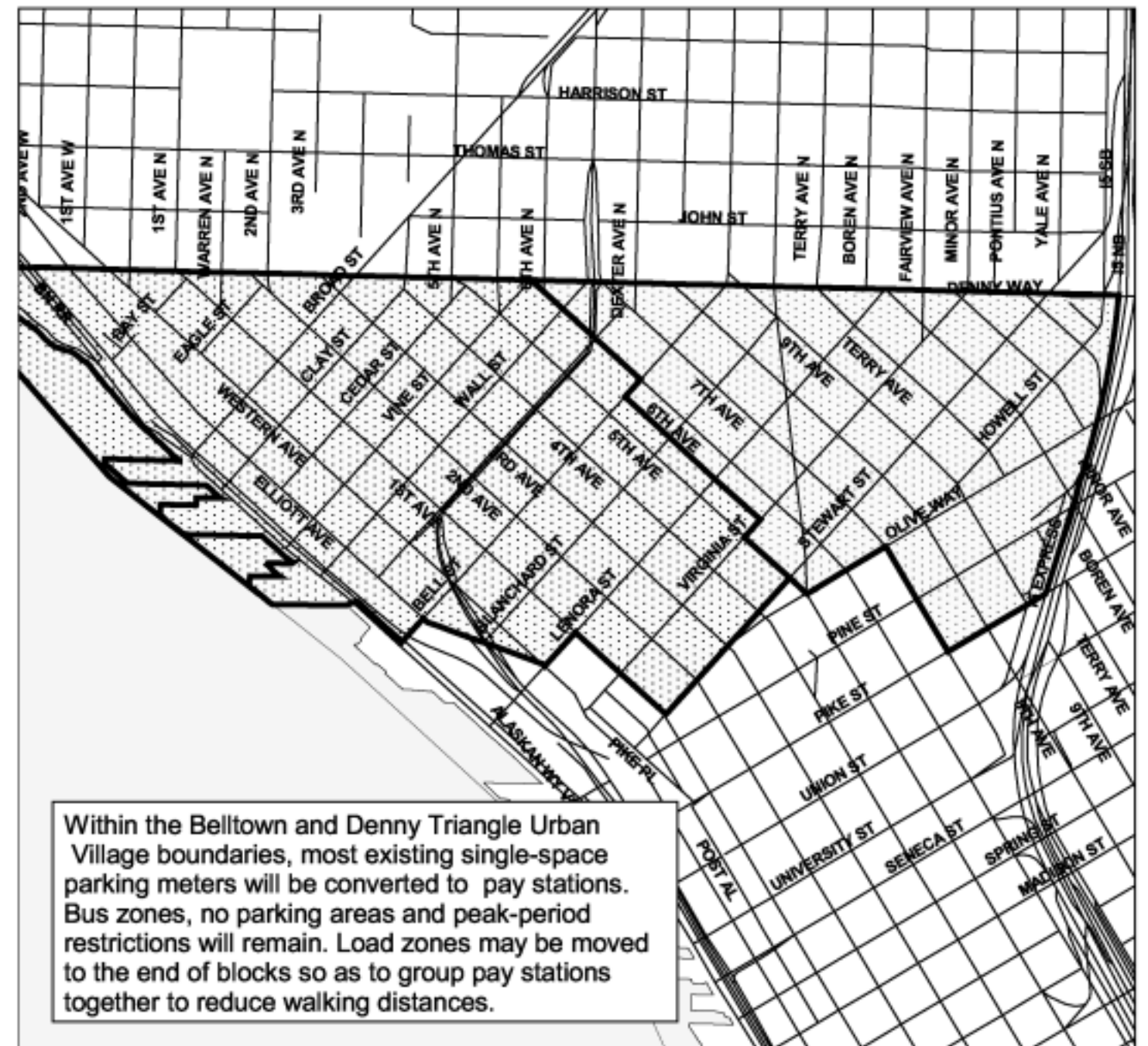
On a standardized block face:

- At least 3 to 4 paid spaces (30-minute and 2-hour) are grouped together to be regulated by a pay station
- Most 15- and 30-minute meters are converted to 30-minute pay station spaces
- Each 30-minute space is marked with signs
- Load zones are moved to block ends to improve access by vehicles and delivery trucks
- Depending upon the adjacent land use (e.g., apartment building), some mid-block load zones remain unchanged
- Peak period restrictions, bus zones and no-parking zones remain the same

What characteristics determine where paid parking would be of benefit to a business district?

- Businesses or services needing good turnover in parking
- A relatively dense business base
- Heavily used, existing time-limited parking
- Limited or costly off-street parking
- Areas with curbs and sidewalks
- Little likelihood of customers choosing neighborhood parking over metered parking
- Community support

Proposed Pay Station Installation in North Downtown



How will businesses, owners, tenants and users know if their block is changing?

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